

The Philippines

May 28, 1945

My darling Mama:

Your faithful and obedient son sits to pen you a few brief lines this evening. This will be brief because the hour hand hovers at ten, and tomorrow's six thirty will come only too early.

We have just spent a very pleasant evening. The Ammo officers of our higher Headquarters whose name is Jack Cannon & his assistant, a man named Hottinger who has been Ammo renovation and surveillance officer for the old South Pacific command came over for supper; and brought a quart of whiskey with them. We procured some ice from the Navy & drank the whiskey & ice water. For supper the seven of us had fine fried chicken, asparagus, avocados, fresh tomatoes, spaghetti, apples, and tea. T'was a sumptuous meal in any man's quarter. We talked after supper until a few minutes ago when they left.

You mentioned in a recent letter that you know generally where I was but not specifically – you mentioned the name of one small town, but said that you couldn't find it on the map. Perhaps if you got a more detailed map you could find it.

Days are passing swiftly and pleasantly – the weather is wonderful to behold (I was under quite a [illegible] where I [illegible] the days as terrifically warm. With few exceptions they are the most perfect days I've ever seen) of course the Bay is largely the cause of the breeze because without it, the heat would be terrific.

We have been testing ourselves on the quizzes you sent me. I hang my head in shame when I look at them. We have been giving them to one another twice to see if we remember them. I received the clippings from news week which you sent & was very pleased to get them. Did you read Hutching's article in Colliers in which he decreased the G2 Bill of Rights. I agree with him on most points. I believe that a large percentage of those who enroll under it will drop out. He said that nearly all of the schooling taken advantage of will be vocational training & that 70% of all occupations could be completely filled by people with only a grade school education-that vocational training in that is wasn't necessary for the particular field, was a great hoax. I certainly agree with him that it will provide a harmful effect on college. Now my concurrence is all objective. Personally I'm deemed glad of the Bill.

Well the campaign on this island seems to be all over but the shouting.

Mother dear close I shall so its good good night again. You are the one person whom I adore.

Your ever loving son, John Mallow Harrod

We shall probably be on this island a good while.

We heard a very fantastic peace rumor today.

Who is sweet? You

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Subscribe to Time & draw on me for it – That is a direct order which you must obey within 24 hours after receipt of this letter. I have told you repeatedly dear Kavanaugh, to do that.